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Drug-related deaths on the rise in BG

Prescription drug abuse and heroin addiction increase around the nation among young adults.

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FIRE AT DOWNTOWN DINER



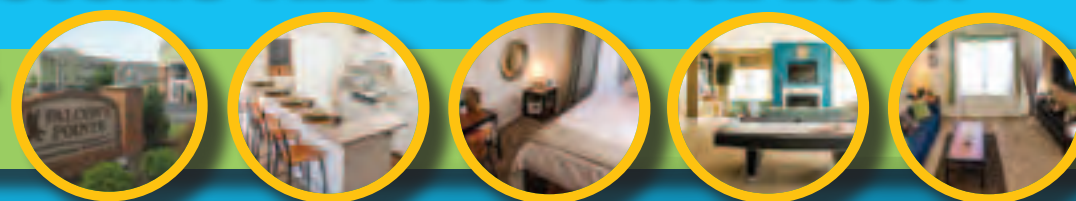
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THUR., JAN. 28

1:38 A.M.
 Brian A. Roe, 29, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct/intoxication - unable to care for self within the 700 block of N. Main Street.

FRI., JAN. 29

3:07 A.M.
 Shayla R. Rockhold, 22, of Bowling Green, was cited for operating a vehicle while under the influence and open container in a motor vehicle within the 400 block of S. Main Street.

6:44 A.M.
 Complainant reported someone had entered her unlocked vehicle within the 1000 block of Fort Drive. She had not noticed anything missing at the time.

7:09 A.M.
 Complainant reported someone had gone through the glove box and console of the complainant's vehicle within the 900 block of Country Club Drive. Items were moved around but nothing was taken.

2:39 P.M.
 Complainant reported someone had entered her unlocked vehicle and taken a cell phone charger and \$10 in change and bills within the 900 block of Fairview Avenue.

10:49 P.M.
 Noah T. Sullivan, 23, of Bowling Green, was cited for nuisance party within the 300 block of S. Mercer Road.
 Logan L. Rupp, 19, of Maumee, Ohio, was cited for underage possession of alcohol.

SAT., JAN. 30
12:40 A.M.
 Teyvon D. Ross, 21, of Fairborn, Ohio, was arrested for assault, resisting arrest and possession of marijuana near Lot 1. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

12:46 A.M.
 James R. Sanford III, 21, of Bowling Green, was civilly cited for disorderly conduct/public urination within the 100 block of E. Wooster Street.

2:39 A.M.
 Complainant reported he was punched twice by an unknown male within the 200 block of N. Main Street.

CITYBRIEF

Fire breaks out inside Corner Grill

A fire started inside local diner the Corner Grill Monday morning, closing the diner until further notice.

The Bowling Green Fire Department responded to a call at 7:45 a.m. Monday about a fire at Corner Grill, at the corner of Court and Main streets.

Fire Chief Tom Sanderson said BGFD responded to a "fire on the grill" at the diner and upon arrival found smoke coming from the exterior and smoke and flames coming from the inside. The department was able to extinguish the blaze from the inside and no injuries were reported.

Corner Grill had smoke and fire damage and restaurant Mr. Spots, located next door, suffered from smoke damage.

Mr. Spots will reopen on Wednesday, said Chief Sanderson.

Bowling Green business The Cookie Jar will be donating 20 percent of their sales to Corner Grill on Feb. 3.

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The Same Old
COMIC BY ZACH FERGUSON

Multiple goals, one symbolic act

I have never not had any hair; I was born with a full head of hair and the moment it grew beyond my chin it never went back.

And despite only having long, traditional female hairstyles, I've always wanted to do something drastic but lacked the support from my mother and her stylist. My pleas for brightly colored hair were dialed down to a single, inch-wide section of blue hidden behind my ear. My hopes for a side-shave were met with a laugh and an eye roll.

Moving away to college granted me with a measure of freedom, as it does with most students. I pierced my nose and wore what I wanted, but still I did not change my long, dark hair. It became a source of pride for me: I took excellent care of my hair and a lot of people noticed.

When I discovered the St. Baldrick's Shave-a-Thon, I had found my calling. It was a win-win situation where I could drastically change my appearance and also make a statement about a serious issue in the same stroke of a razor.

I talked about the foundation for more



Taylor Lody
Columnist

than a year, but it still did not feel real until I was sitting in the chair with my hair braided and ready to cut. I didn't realize that the most rewarding part would not be the lack of hair, but rather the path that took me there.

I reached out through social media with the link to my fund-raising page and it found its way farther than I thought ever possible. Through a mutual alumni Facebook group, I met a mother from Tampa Bay named Christina who lost her son, Nick, to brain cancer at age eleven. It was a difficult but motivating story for me to hear, about a boy who fought cancer for four years and managed to stay friendly, loving and brave throughout the

entire battle. Christina and Nick's story rendered me speechless.

Christina explained to me that children were treated with the same drugs and treatments that were used on adults, despite having different

bodily needs. Treatment for children with cancer is a guessing game, something that I heard echoed through my research on the St. Baldrick's website.

Hearing about little Nick gave me the inspiration to continue fund-raising even harder, and by the time I was climbing the stairs to the stage where I would lose over 24 inches of hair, I had raised almost \$600 for the cause.

Being without hair is odd. When I pass people I know on campus, their eyes graze right over me and they do a double take. It surprises me when it happens because I've been talking about the event almost exclusively for a month. It's almost as if

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you could ban something on campus what would it be?



"Leggings and Uggs boots, save the sheep."

EMILY COURTNEY

Sophomore, Health Care Administration



"Other universities' memorabilia. You go to BG, you are supposed to represent this university."

JACQUE ELAMA

Sophomore, International Business



"Texting while walking. Everytime someone is texting while walking, they're running into stuff."

DARIAN CRAGO

Freshman, Undecided



"Dad shoes, such as New Balances, white Reeboks, etc. We're in college, they're just not cool."

THOMAS WHITE

Freshman, Physics

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LGBT community's unseen racism problem

The LGBT community is growing stronger for equal rights today. Gay marriage being legalized nationwide is a huge step in society. However, there are certain things happening that make it seem like the LGBT community is taking two steps back.

It's racism.

Not many people are aware of this but racism is a big problem that is at-large in the LGBT community. There are many individuals in the LGBT community who are racially biased against minority ethnicities, specifically blacks. Years ago, some gay bars would put up signs that said 'No blacks or Asians' in their establishments.

What I've noticed, primarily from what my friends share with me, are the discrimination of black gays on dating sites such as Tinder and Grindr. My black friend was talking to a white guy on Grindr. When it came to the point of him identifying his ethnicity, the white guy said "I cannot have sex with a black boy." When asked why, the white guy then said "Sleeping with a black guy would make me feel less of a man." He sent me the screenshots of the conversation and when I read it, I could not believe what I was reading. It literally gave me an uneasy feeling that this person would have the nerve to say something like that. The crazy thing is my friend was denied before

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they didn't expect me to go through with it and are surprised that I actually did.

I've been told that by the time you get used to having no hair, it's already started to grow back. Being bald for only a day has left me with very little insight with what living without hair will be like. I woke up this morning with an adequate amount of time to style my hair, and then realized that I didn't have any hair to style.

I do not regret shaving my head, despite the fact that I went from having the most hair I ever had to the least. If I come to regret this decision, I know that I would have regretted it more if I had never done it at all.

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Torrance Vaughan
Columnist

he even showed a pic of himself. This isn't really okay.

Many white guys in the LGBT community will deny a black guy specifically because they assume they will automatically not be attracted to a black guy. There's some shallow minded bigotry there. This is a huge issue. It's okay to have a preference, but also be open minded. The first thing someone could say is "I've never been with a black guy before" and that's okay. But to say something like not messing around with someone of a different race than yours because it makes you feel like less of a man is not a preference. There is something personal there.

My gay friend from Cleveland was even kicked out of a party for being a "gay black." The party was full of gays of mostly white, some Asians, and he was only black person there. He was simply told that he was kicked out because "There's no one here that likes black guys."

Hearing all this from my friends honestly upsets me. I didn't expect this from the LGBT community out of all the communities. I thought the world we

were living in was starting to become more race friendly. I've never heard of a minority group singling out another minority within that same group. It's mind blowing.

Some things I've even seen for myself. One day, I overheard one person say

"Black people smell." I went up to this individual immediately and said to him: "Black people do not smell. First and foremost, you can't say someone smells weird just because they have a different scent than yours. Anyone could smell funny. It's dependent on the individual person and their habits, not the race. Before you judge someone based on race, get to know them first. Don't make assumptions."

That's not the only problem I've experienced. My friend and I visited a gay bar in downtown Sandusky. We were both racially profiled the minute we walked in. We were constantly asked for our IDs

after initial ID check. The bouncers and bartenders all looked at us the whole time we were in the bar. Another guy in the bar even came up to us said. "Shouldn't you guys be at a black bar? I don't think you're anyone's type in here." My friend was feeling a bit too uncomfortable, so we left.

I couldn't believe how we were being treated. I mean, who automatically decides who goes where and what someone is attracted to? So, I'm asking all you readers out there to not let things like this happen. There's a fine line between a simple preference and pure bigoted racism.

One of the problems is that people don't really see this as being a big issue so it typically gets swept under the rug. Not if people were to say something about it. If you were in one of these situations, how would you react? It's not important until it actually happens to you.

"He was simply told that he was kicked out because 'There's no one here that likes black guys.'"

- **Torrance Vaughan,**
Columnist

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City Council praises police, fire divisions

By Holly Shively

City Editor

City officials continue to show support and appreciation for the city's fire and police divisions after a strenuous day for both departments.

Bowling Green diner the Corner Grill caught fire Monday morning.

At Monday night's city council meeting, Mayor Richard Edwards said while there is never a good time for a fire, the city was very lucky the fire occurred at the time it did for several reasons. Rather than starting in the middle of the night, Corner Grill caught fire just prior to 8 a.m., and the weather was also ideal for treating the fire.

To make the fire more difficult for the fire and police teams, there was an accident on southbound I-75 that had traffic moving slowly, according to the

Toledo Blade.

Bowling Green's fire and police divisions sent units to attend to the crash. With the slow moving traffic on I-75, vehicles were directed through State Route 25, which goes through Bowling Green, right by Corner Grill.

Council member Theresa Charters Gavarone is a co-owner of Mr. Spots. She ran down the street in her socks to get to the scene quickly.

"I can't say enough good things about the professionalism and the prompt response that we saw from our police and our fire chiefs," Gavarone said. "They took control and they defused the whole situation."

The fire division also had a higher than usual number of emergency runs Monday.

"I would also like to join in thanking both the chiefs and the men who work under them," council member Sandy Rowland said.



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Hoverboards banned from residence halls

By Lauren Fitz
Reporter

Over winter break, the University's Office of Residence Life decided to institute a ban on a motorized toy called a hoverboard in the residence halls, citing concern for the fires and explosions they may cause, especially during the charging period.

Sarah Waters, director of Residence Life, said talk of banning the hoverboards came around the same time national retailers started pulling the product from their shelves due to safety concerns.

"At the same time, we were starting to look at what we might need to do in terms of making sure the residence halls were safe, knowing that people would have them," Waters said.

It's not just the University that is banning hoverboards. According to Ryan Lasker's article for USA Today on Jan. 9, more than 30 colleges have banned hoverboards because of safety concerns.

After seeing that other colleges and universities were banning hoverboards, Waters said Residence Life made the same decision over break after being consulted by Stephanie Sickler, the director of the University's Risk Management.

"We made the decision over winter break to follow suit, to make sure the residence halls would be as safe as possible as students are returning, potentially wanting to bring back a new gift or something they maybe had received," Waters said.

If students are caught with a hoverboard while in one of the residence halls, they are asked to remove the hoverboard from their room, either putting it in their car or taking it home if they live close by.

"We're not confiscating it and destroying it because it's their property," Waters said. "We need to make sure it's not being charged, especially in the building."

Students can still ride hoverboards on campus grounds, however, they are not

allowed to be ridden in buildings.

Waters also warns students living off campus to be mindful of hoverboards and to make sure they are safe wherever they may live.

University students see the ban in positive light after hearing about the problems that hoverboards can cause, though it seemed like students didn't realize that the ban only extended to those living in residence halls.

"I don't really care because it doesn't affect me. I think they're kind of annoying because they're just like bikes and people will just tend to run you over. They're really hard to control and people suck at maneuvering them," sophomore Jalynn Dukes said.

Some students were hopeful that the ban would mean fewer hoverboards on campus.

"I approve (of) the ban. They're annoying on campus and I almost got run over like, five times last semester so I'm happy about it," sophomore Alex

Morris said.

Still, students are also pleased that the ban is in place so the safety concerns can be addressed.

"I think it makes sense because apparently they're exploding," senior Giovanni Lanza said.

However, Waters doesn't see the ban as something permanent.

"We don't consider this a permanent ban because we believe that the batteries and the charging of them will get taken care of, that a better standard will come in place and students will be able to bring hoverboards into the residence halls in future semesters," Waters said. "I think they're pretty neat, but we need them to be safe. That's the number one thing, especially with students living in such proximity to each other."

For more information about the hoverboard ban, students can go to the Residence Life's safety page and read more about why the ban on hoverboards was instituted.

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Sophomore Guard Rachel Myers drives past a defender in a game earlier this season. Myers was 0-6 from the field against Toledo.

Falcons fall in the Battle of I-75 on poor shooting

By Evan Hayes
Sports Reporter

On the road in front of a crowd of nearly 5,000, the Bowling Green State University Women's Basketball team had its three game win streak snapped with a 75-61 road loss to rival Toledo.

After hot shooting from behind the arc spurred a winning streak to get them one game below .500, the Falcons struggled shooting the ball against the Rockets. Bowling Green is now 8-10 on the season, with a 4-5 record in conference play.

"We knew this would be a tough environment to play in. Toledo played really well, made some shots," head coach Jennifer Roos said. "Both teams were well scouted. We knew their play calls, they knew our play calls. Executing to a finish came down to a couple of late possessions that really helped turn the corner for them."

Three players scored in double figures for the Falcons, with redshirt-senior Lauren Tibbs leading the way with 16 points and 5

rebounds. Freshman Sydney Lambert had 13 points and 5 rebounds, while senior Miriam Justinger tallied 10 points and 4 rebounds.

The Falcons got off to a quick start, with a layup by Ashley Tunstall and a three-pointer by Justinger opening up a 12-4 run. The Rockets called a timeout at the 6:41 mark and followed with a 15-6 run of their own to close out the quarter with a 19-18 lead.

After scoring the last nine points of the opening quarter, the Rockets proceeded to go on an 11-3 run to start the second quarter, pushing their lead to 30-21 before Bowling Green's Abby Siefker scored on a midrange jumpshot. Tibbs converted in the lane on the next possession for the Falcons,

while Siefker made another jumper and Lambert hit back to back three-pointers to close Toledo's lead to four points. The two teams traded baskets as the half wound down, with Toledo holding a 38-35 lead at the intermission.

The Falcons were able to stay within striking distance after a back and forth third quarter, but Toledo was able to pull away in the fourth. Hitting three three-pointers in the final ten minutes, the Rockets controlled the perimeter and held Bowling Green scoreless from behind the arc. Toledo finished with a comfortable fourteen point win against its rival.

"Every play they ran today we knew they

"We had some really good looks, we just weren't able to knock a few down. But they were good looks and we'll get them next time."

- **Miriam Justinger**, Senior Guard

UPCOMING GAMES

TUESDAY, FEB 2

Mens Basketball:

vs. Ball State | 7p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB 5

Womens Swim:

vs. Oakland University | 5p.m.

Womens Swim:

vs. Youngstown State | 5p.m.
pm

Womens Track:

@ Akron Invitational | 3p.m.

Hockey:

@ Minnesota State | 8:07p.m.

were going to run. They ran them very crisply, and they play well at home," Roos said. "They did exactly what we thought they would do, and we made shots early on, but they didn't fall at the end. Both teams were extremely well prepared for this game."

While Toledo shot almost 50 percent from the field and 46 percent from three-point range, the Falcons only converted 43 percent of their field goals and an ice-cold 21 percent of their three-pointers. Giving up 38 points in the paint, the Falcons simply could not keep up with their opponent.

"We had some really good looks, we just weren't able to knock a few down," Justinger said. "But they were good looks and we'll get them next time."

The Falcons will return to action on February 5th when they travel to Mount Pleasant for a matchup against Central Michigan. They will then return to the Stroh Center to play against Western Michigan on Feb. 10.



PHOTO BY ISIAH VAZQUEZ

Freshman Forward John Schilling advances the puck in a game earlier this season. Schilling had two shot attempts against the Huskies.

Falcons tie late against Huskies

By Zane Miller
Sports Reporter

The Falcon hockey team was unable to win a game in its home series against the Michigan Tech Huskies this past weekend, tying 4-4 Friday night and losing just their second home game of the season 4-1 Saturday.

This is the first time since their series against the Lake Superior Lakers on November 5th and 6th that Bowling Green could not claim at least one game in a home series.

“Overall, (we played) inconsistent,” Falcons head coach Chris Bergeron said. “I think when we look back at this series, we ultimately failed, which comes down to me. We talked last week about preparing for a big time series knowing that our opponent was going to be preparing for it as a championship type series and we want to be a championship team.”

The Falcons did not start well in the first game of the series, finding themselves down 2-0 at the end of the first period.

“We got jumped in our own rink in the first period,” Bergeron said. “That created our poor decisions on our forecheck... (Michigan

Tech) pushes the pace north as well as anybody we play against.”

Bowling Green scored two goals in the second period; one from sophomore forward Mitch McLain at 10:58, and another from freshman forward Stephen Baylis at 1:27. However, Michigan Tech’s Joel L’Esperance scored a goal of his own at the 9:16 mark, allowing the Huskies to maintain a 3-2 lead going into the third.

Michigan Tech was the first to strike in the third period, with Dylan Steman scoring his second goal of the game to make it a 4-2 visitor’s lead with 9:14 remaining.

The Falcons cut the Michigan Tech lead in half at 7:23, with sophomore forward Brandon Hawkins scoring to make it a 4-3 game. Bowling Green tied the game just 18 seconds later on a goal by senior forward Brent Tate, forcing the game into overtime.

“It was a neutral zone transition,” Tate said. “I chipped the puck in deep and I was in the middle of the ice, got in, created a little pressure, it went to (Jordan) Ernst and he shot it at the net, after I finished my check I went to the net and their D fumbled it a little bit, it came right to me and I just tapped it in.”

Neither team scored in the overtime period, and the Falcons tied for the sixth time this season.

“The second and third period, we played more the way we wanted to play,” Bergeron said. “I’m proud of our group for not quitting.”

Unlike the first game, the Falcons got off to a good start in Saturday’s contest, with junior forward Kevin Dufour giving the team the lead just 45 seconds into the game.

After trailing for almost all of the first period, Michigan Tech tied it up with eight seconds to go in the frame. The Huskies would provide all the scoring for the remainder of the game, cruising to a 4-1 win.

“Ultimately, we’ve got to play better to earn championships in this league,” Falcons senior forward Mark Cooper said. “It’s so tight at the top of the standings and every game matters.”

The Falcons will have another important series next weekend on the road against the Minnesota State Mavericks, who hold first place in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association standings. The Falcons, only one spot behind the Mavericks in the standings, could take the lead with a series sweep.

Mens Basketball loses to Chippewas

By Aaron Parker
Sports Editor

The Bowling Green Men’s Basketball team fell to the Central Michigan Chippewas Saturday on a poor offensive outing.

The Falcons had won all three of their Mid-American Conference road games prior to Central Michigan against Ohio, Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan. This match up against the Chippewas was the second of the season, the last being a loss in the Stroh 67-79.

The Falcons struggled with the ball in their hands, ending the game with 14 turnovers and shooting 23-62 for just over 37 percent.

Central Michigan took advantage of the sloppy Falcon defense, scoring 19 points off turnovers by the final buzzer.

The Chippewas were also quicker to the loose balls and rebounds, out rebounding the Falcons 42-36.

“They out worked us. They played harder than we did,” head coach Michael Huger said. “Every loose ball they got. They set the tone early on what it was going to be. We just didn’t have that fight tonight.”

Central Michigan had only seven players score in the game, one of which scored two at the free throw stripe and one that had only one field goal. The offense was primarily dependent on the starters.

The starters were more than enough to get the job done behind Chris Fowler’s game-high 27 points, 21 of which came in the first half, on an efficient 9-14 shooting. He was also effective at the free throw stripe, hitting eight of his 10 attempts.

Braylon Rayson and Rayshawn Simmons also put up double digits with 19 and 10 respectively.

The three ball was an effective weapon for the Chippewas while it was a liability for the Falcons. BG went 2 for 12 behind the arc for just 16.7 percent in the game while CMU went 9 of 22 for 40.9 percent.

“We gave up too many opportunities on offense. We left a lot of empty possessions. We got our guys who are supposed to be our shooters afraid to shoot. We can’t have that,” Huger said. “We weren’t very sharp. This is the first time I’ve seen that on the road from our guys, where they weren’t sharp and ready to go from the beginning. We have to go back and regroup and get ready for Ball State.”

The Falcons are now in the bottom half of the East Division of the MAC with a 4-4 conference record and a 13-8 record overall.

CMU is one game behind the best record in the MAC and they are on top of the West Division. They move to 5-3 in the conference and 12-9 overall.

BG will return to the Stroh on Tuesday for a matchup against Ball State. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Updates planned for wireless access

By Michele Mathis
Managing Editor

The University is looking forward to implementing new technology in the classroom setting once the physical construction in the buildings is done.

At Monday's Undergraduate Student Government meeting, Chief Information Office John Ellinger spoke about the upcoming changes to the wireless coverage on campus.

Ellinger said that every year presents more challenges for Information Technology Services because of the new technology that the first year students bring.

"In the past year, there were 5,000 new devices added to our network all in the same day," he said.

Since Ellinger estimates that there are 5.5 devices for every student — most being wireless — and the campus wireless is "100 percent coverage but not 100 percent density."

Wireless coverage is how far the network will reach around campus, and density is how effectively each wireless device will run on the network with all the devices surrounding it.

Ellinger said that the University is one of three institutions in Ohio that allows unlimited bandwidth, or wireless data, in every residence hall, which pull around 2.2 gigabytes a night.

To increase the density of the wireless on campus, specifically in the residence hall suites, ITS will be placing more "access points," or wireless carriers.

"We want you to be able to do what you need to do when you want to do it," Ellinger said.

The senate and Ellinger also discussed the new technology in classrooms of the buildings being renovated and re-built.

Ellinger said that there will be active learning tools available in classrooms such as smart board and new projectors, along with updates to the University's servers that power the library computers.

"It's always important that students are getting the highest quality experience that they can," USG President Victor Senn said. "[We] rely so much on [these] technologies now."

Vice President Danielle Parker said that it makes the University a more comfortable and motivating place to live and learn.

"I think when [students] come onto campus with new spaces and new buildings and high

end technology, it makes you excited to be apart of the community," she said. "I think that showing that the University is investing in the future, which is technology, shows what BGSU is all about."

Yannick Kluch, a graduate student from the Department of Media and Communication, presented to the senate his organization We Are One Team for lobby time.

We Are One Team is an inclusive, service based organization that hopes to fight stereotypes by using sports.

Kluch said that they have been organizing many international students to get involved with student athletes because it helps two isolating communities of people come together to learn more about culture.

Garret Mayleben, the representative from the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, said that it's important for athletes to get involved with WAOT because of the strong sense of community it can bring.

"Being a member of We Are One Team says that you are inclusive ... that what matters is the character of the people that you're involved with," he said.

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Rise in drug addiction hits BG

Drug-related deaths climb from 2014 to 2015, heroin use increased

Holly Shively

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A recent New York Times survey found prescription drug abuse and the heroin epidemic continue to soar out of control. Bowling Green is no exception to the rising death rates, due to overdose.

The survey found drastically rising death rates in young white adults, mainly because of drug overdose. While it may be affecting the death rates of young white adults mostly, Bowling Green Deputy Chief of Police Justin

White said the heroin and prescription drug epidemics are affecting people of all ages, socioeconomic statuses, races and ethnicities.

A freshman business major at the University who wished to remain anonymous knows this struggle with addiction.

"I just happened to have one wrong moment with one wrong person who was like 'Well just try this,'" he said. "It was just one time, you know. That's all it was."

After that one time, the then 16-year-old found himself going to places and meeting people he said he never would have imagined otherwise, and he became a frequenter to abusing any types of prescription drugs he could get his hands on.

"I can't exaggerate enough how accurate people are when they say it's the snowball effect," he said.

Believing he knew what he was doing, the now college freshman never considered the possibility of overdose, until one day he had a near-death experience that left him paralyzed for six hours. He realized if he continued his drug abuse, he would have resorted to heroin and may not have lived much longer.

Lorrie Lewandowski, associate director of the Wood County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, said last year 45,500 lives were lost to addiction in the United States, and every day there are six opiate related deaths in Ohio alone.

Sources at the Wood County Coroner's office said 19 drug-involved deaths occurred in Wood County last year, up from 12 combined drug and alcohol deaths in 2014 according to the Wood County Annual Report.

"Frankly they'd be a heck of a lot higher if it wasn't for Narcan," Deputy Chief White said.

Narcan is a drug used by fire and police divisions to reverse the effects of opioids and pull a patient out of an overdose. The Bowling Green Fire Division has been using Narcan for the past 25 years.

In an email, Fire Chief Tom Sanderson said in 2015, 43 doses of Narcan were administered to 33 patients, an increase from 32 doses to 25 patients in 2014. Sometimes an overdose is so extensive it requires more than one dose of Narcan to bring a patient out of the overdose.

The WBGU-TV series "Addiction: Heroin & Pills" accounted the growing epidemic to the use of pain as a vital symptom in

the 1990s, which increased prescriptions of opiate painkillers. Because of the increase in prescription opiates, more people had access to the drugs, and many became addicted. When the addicts were no longer prescribed these drugs, they began buying them on the streets, which became expensive. Users switched to a cheaper substance — heroin.

The same effect takes place in high school and college-aged individuals, who try prescription opiates under the impression that they can't be harmful because they come through the medical system.

What makes addiction so gripping is the drug's effect on the same part of the brain that gives feedback on pleasures from eating, drinking and exercise. This sensation makes users believe the drugs are essential.

White said in Bowling Green both heroin and prescription drugs are a problem, and there is a positive correlation between drug use and shop lifting.

In "Addiction: Heroin & Pills," Andrea Boxil, deputy director of the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team, said the solution is to reverse the stigma that addicts are criminals because of these petty thefts.

"To criminalize them is a lifetime sentence for an action, for a behavior, for a disease," Boxil said. She believes instead of just sending addicts to prison, they need to be included in a rehabilitation program as well.

University Director of Wellness Connection Faith DeNardo said heroin isn't nearly as big of a problem on campus as prescription drugs, which is why the University offers Generation RX, an informational program funded by a grant to raise awareness of the dangers in misusing prescription drugs.

Through Generation RX, peer educators who are trained through classes or weekend trainings have the opportunity to go to classes and organizations to inform students about drug abuse, among other health topics.

"In a perfect world you know you would be able to reach every teenager or individual because it is destroying their lives," White said.

Lewandowski said anyone who needs treatment can also find a rehabilitation agency through the ADAMHS Board, hoping to reduce the numbers of drug-related deaths nationwide.

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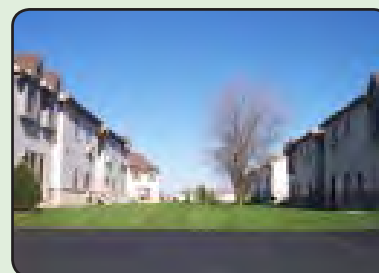
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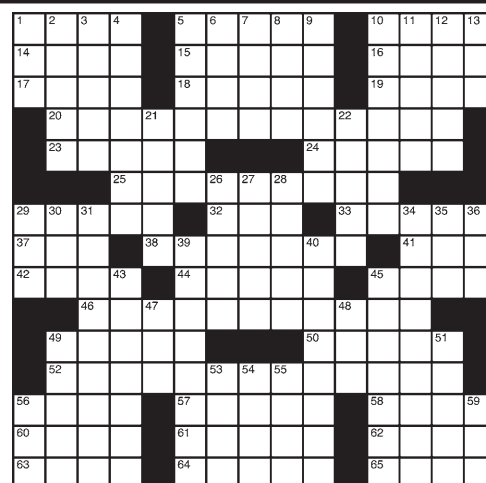
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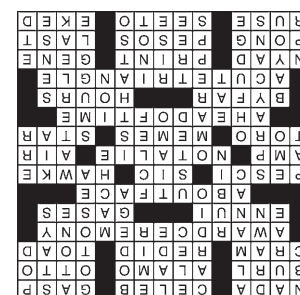


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- 5 A-list invitee
- 10 Inhale in awe
- 14 "The Big Country" Oscar winner lives
- 15 Hertz competitor
- 16 Germany's von Bismarck
- 17 Study at the last minute
- 18 Decorated anew
- 19 Grown-up tadpole
- 20 One hospital celebration?
- 23 The blahs
- 24 Radon and ozone
- 25 One mug from the boxing ring?
- 29 Joe of "Casino"
- 32 [Not my typo]
- 33 Ethan of "Before Midnight"
- 37 Sound system component
- 38 "Honest!"
- 41 Breathable mixture
- 42 "Count on it" lawnmower brand
- 44 Fast-spreading Internet phenomena
- 45 Michelin rating unit
- 46 One news magazine managing editor?
- 49 Without question
- 50 Store posting
- 52 One adorable romantic three-some?
- 56 Long-distance swimmer Diana
- 57 Crime scene clue exposed by dusting
- 58 Hereditary code carrier
- 60 Table tennis video game
- 61 Cozumel cash
- 62 " but not least ... "
- 63 Trick
- 64 Look after
- 65 Barely managed, with "out"

- DOWN**
- 1 "Parks and Recreation" network
 - 2 Heavenly glows
 - 3 Written (up), as a contract
 - 4 Annually updated reference
 - 5 Pulse-boosting exercise, for short
 - 6 Utility measured in kilowatt hrs.
 - 7 Fill with cargo
 - 8 Qatari bigwig
 - 9 Hispanic convenience store
 - 10 Set sail
 - 11 Make repairs
 - 12 Hangs around
 - 13 Sci-fi escape craft
 - 21 Apply before cooking, as spice to meat
 - 22 Papier-__
 - 26 Spanish pronoun
 - 27 Words of grande affetto
 - 28 Bass staff symbol
 - 29 On-the-back praise
 - 30 Expressive rock genre
 - 31 "Contents under pressure" containers
 - 34 Plumbing problem
 - 35 Sorento automaker
 - 36 Throw wide of the cutoff man, say
 - 39 Dr. Eric Foreman por-trayer on "House"
 - 40 "Honest?"
 - 43 G-rated cry of dismay
 - 45 Sneak across the border
 - 47 Nosh
 - 48 Electrified particle
 - 49 Louisiana wetland
 - 51 Hearing, for one
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